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YOUNG CHINESE SHOOTS WOMAN

Constables Frank Rose and Joe Soito Lead Hunt For the Gun Man.

PRETENDS HE IS INSANE

Is Being Held in Oakland Pending the Advice of Physicians as to the Wounded Woman's Injuries.

Sear Wah, a Chinese lad, 23 years old, was arrested Monday afternoon after an exciting chase by Constables Frank Rose and Joseph Soito of Washington township, and deputy sheriffs and citizens of Alvarado and charged with shooting Lung Shee, his sister-in-law. The woman was not killed.

After the shooting, for which no reason has been given, the Chinese boy made his escape and was captured only after a long hunt. He was taken to the township jail at Niles where he was searched by the constable and placed in a cell.

After being locked up a few minutes Sear Wah began emitting a series of cries and dancing around the cell floor after the fashion of a mad man. It was noticed however, that he made the greatest amount of fuss whenever he had an audience.

The officers believe Sear Wah is feigning insanity.

He was taken to the county jail at Oakland late Monday afternoon by deputies from the sheriff's office.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION

Vote Cast at the Election of High School Trustees April 2.

The following vote was cast in the election held for trustees of the Washington Union High School held Friday last throughout the township.

Niles—J. E. Rogers, 89.
Alviso—J. E. Rogers, 15.
Sheridan—J. E. Rogers, 8.
Alvarado—J. E. Rogers, 29; Henry May, 9; F. Falk, 2; F. Weigman, Jr., 2.
Mission San Jose—J. E. Rogers 38.
Decoto—J. E. Rogers, 12.
Centerville—J. E. Rogers, 82.
Warm Springs—J. E. Rogers, 61.
Lincoln—Frank Sayles, 4.
Irrington—J. E. Rogers, 34.
Mowry's Landing—J. E. Rogers, 5.
Newark—J. E. Rogers 70.
Totals—J. E. Rogers, 443; Henry May, 9; F. Falk, 2; F. Weigman, Jr., 2; Frank Sayles, 4.

Brown Re-elected School Trustee

Breaking all records of popular candidates Manuel Brown, who has been school trustee of Warm Springs for three terms was re-elected to that office unanimously last Friday. When the ballots were counted the election board found that he had received the entire 65 votes polled.

Brown is well known throughout the township and has been roadmaster of that district for some time.

HAULS LUMBER TO NEWARK

P. C. Hansen & Co., Furnish Lumber for Pavilion and Ball Grounds.

P. C. Hansen & Co., lumber dealers of Centerville and Niles have been hauling lumber to Newark to repair the Newark pavilion and also the new grandstand and fence for the ball grounds opposite the park.

The grandstand is to hold 600 people when completed. The first game was played on the new grounds on Sunday.

The pavilion will be used for many picnics this summer.

PETERS ACTS STRANGE

Arrested on Suspicion of Being Dangerously Insane.

Manuel Peters, a resident of Warm Springs was arrested last evening by Constable Frank Rose, on information and belief that he is dangerously insane and confined to the township jail at Niles.

According to report of members of Peters' family he has been acting and talking strange for some time past. Last Wednesday he is alleged to have

barricaded himself in a room after having secured a shot gun and declared that he intended to kill some woman. After a time, however, he sallied forth to get more artillery and in his search ran into Storekeeper Brown of Warm Springs, who telephoned the constable of Peters' actions and condition.

Peters will be formally charged to-day and probably held for examination by a lunacy commission.

Governor Signs Water Bill.

At the hour of going to press to-day (Thursday) a message was received from Sacramento to the effect that Governor Hiram W. Johnson had signed the law validating the Alameda County Water District which had been passed by the Legislature.

GOZA PLEADS GUILTY.

Man Who Shot Cashier of Niles State Bank Makes No Defense.

Zelbert Goza, the 27-year-old bandit who shot Charles Evans, cashier of the Niles State Bank in the shoulder, in an attempt to rob the bank, appeared before Judge Ogden of the superior Court at Oakland Tuesday and entered a plea of guilty.

Judge Ogden informed the prisoner several times that he was entitled to an attorney to conduct his case for him, but Goza replied that he didn't think a lawyer would do him any good. He announced that he would make a plea for probation when he came up for sentence.

District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes said that he would oppose any petition for probation for Goza.

The case was continued to April 27 for sentence. The maximum sentence for the crime is 14 years in the penitentiary.

DARROW'S BAKERY SOLD.

Jones & Ellsworth Consummate Sale of Niles Business House.

The bakery and confectionery store of G. O. Darrow, Niles, was sold yesterday to Evans & Company of Petaluma. The sale was made through the real estate office of Jones and Ellsworth.

The new owners took charge today and will conduct an up-to-date establishment.

Mr. Darrow will remain in the store for a week or more. His plans for the future have not yet been settled.

Falk Re-elected Trustee.

F. Falk, of Newark was again re-elected trustee of the Newark Grammar school last Monday by an overwhelming majority. Mr. Falk has been connected with the school work for 22 years, and his long service has fitted him for the position he holds in a manner that is fully appreciated by the parents of the school children.

DRYS WIN IN THE EAST.

Increased Foothold in Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Returns from the Nebraska elections Tuesday show the drys won a victory of about 19 to 3, according to early returns. This was the principal issue of the elections in many towns.

The dry forces voted 100 more saloons out of Illinois in the local option elections and by wiping out certain wet spots, added three counties to fifty-two already completely dry, a total of 55 counties out of 102 in the state.

The wets retained the largest cities where local option was an issue at the polls. Danville, Murphysboro and Kankakee remained wet by larger majorities than at previous elections. At no point in the state did dry territory go wet.

The vote in Wisconsin cities, towns, and villages on the wet and dry question showed a gain for the dry element in number of towns gained, but the larger cities voting on the issue—Madison, Superior, Ashland and Beloit—remained in the wet column.

Forty-one places which were dry voted to remain so, and 65 voted to retain saloons. The most significant feature of the vote was that 19 cities and towns which were formerly wet were swung into the dry column, while only four villages which were dry went over to the wet column.

Complete unofficial returns from the sixteen Michigan counties in which local option was the issue in the election show that the drys were successful in fourteen counties and the wets were victorious in two.

BIG HOLOCAUST AT CENTERVILLE

Heroic Efforts of Citizens Prevent Entire Town From Being Burned to Ground.

NEWARK LENT ASSISTANCE

Loss of Property Amounts to Nearly \$20,000, About One-Half of Which is Covered by Insurance.

Fire, breaking out in the bakery of A. Bartoletti, Centerville about 2 a. m. Saturday, destroyed one of the main business blocks of the town, and for a while threatened the entire village.

The property loss has been estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000, and it is understood that the insurance held by the various owners of the destroyed property will total about half the amount lost.

The exact cause of the fire is unknown. As far as can be ascertained it occurred in the kitchen of Bartoletti's bakery.

Bartoletti, in an interview with a representative of The Press following the fire, said that he had put his bread in the oven and gone to bed, leaving his assistant, John Ponti, to take it out at the right time, and also to finish frying doughnuts. The next thing Bartoletti knew was when Ponti woke him with the information that the place was ablaze.

According to Ponti's story, he had finished cooking doughnuts and had prepared himself some lunch, after which he shut off the distillate fire under the doughnut kettle. Then, Ponti, says, it being hot in the kitchen he went into the back yard to eat. When he returned the kitchen was in flames.

The destroyed property was occupied by Lernhart's drug store and the exchange of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, Hanson's saloon with lodge rooms on the second floor, a vacant building, the court room of Justice of the Peace John G. Mattos, and plumbing shop of George Coit in the rear of the justice court.

All of the property except the drug store and saloon buildings was owned by Mattos.

The building of the Centerville Bank in the same block was threatened several times, but good work on the part of the fire lads saved the structure.

Assistance from Newark was secured, and the heroic work of the Newark firemen, as well as the ready manner in which they responded when called upon was one of the topics of conversation on the streets of Centerville after the fire.

Among the losses were the charters banners and paraphernalia of the Native Sons, K. of P., A. O. U. D., U. P. P. E. C. and I. D. E. S. lodges, which met in the hall over Hancock's saloon.

The destroyed property will probably be rebuilt with modern structures.

Scores of residents assisted the fire departments in fighting the fire, which was prevented from combined efforts from destroying the entire business section of the town. Houses and stores in adjacent blocks caught fire from flying sparks and a large plate glass window in a paperhanging establishment on the opposite side of the street was broken by the intense heat from the blazing mass of wooden buildings.

The flames, rising straight in the air could be plainly seen for miles around.

Following the fire Monday morning the Bank of Centerville sent a check of \$20 to the Centerville Fire Department, accompanied by a letter expressing the thanks and appreciation of the bank officials for the good work of the department which saved the bank building.

SPEEDERS' DAY MONDAY.

Justice Courts Collect Spare Change of Speed Enthusiasts.

At the morning session of the justice court held before Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond at Niles

this week, many and various excuses were offered to show the judge just why the speed limits and just why the drivers should not pay any fine, and while Richmond has a fine sense of humor, he also displayed a desire to deal impartial justice, giving each offender a chance to explain mitigating circumstances that would warrant a suspension of sentence.

The name of A. J. Keller was the first one called. Keller had handed his check of \$25 to the district attorney's office at Oakland with the understanding that he did not care to argue the case.

Carl Duvel, who gave his age as 17, was arrested for driving a motorcycle too fast. He was certified to the juvenile court.

O. Bartol, another motorcycleist, was given the alternative of paying \$25 or spending 12 1-2 days in the county jail. Bartol did not have all the money with him, so the judge allowed him until April 19 to pay.

R. S. Dunn, who had been caught going at a lively clip of 50 miles an hour, pleaded guilty and was assessed the same fine.

E. G. Phillips, an automobilist was going 38 miles an hour, according to the traffic officer. He is also \$25 short.

E. F. Boye was captured by Traffic Officer Sherman, who testified that the motorist was going 45 miles an hour. Richmond levied the same fine on the defendant.

D. Dickson told the court that he was "going a little fast." Traffic Officer Sherman, who made the arrest testified that Dickson was going 45 miles an hour, which he thought was "a little too fast."

M. Duval, who also fell into Sherman's net, was going between 48 and 50 miles an hour. As Duval was but 16 years old, he was certified to the juvenile court, Oakland.

W. H. Garbini sent a check for \$25 which was held as bail for one week.

H. Nelson, arrested by Traffic Officer Solari was fined \$25 and given un-

til April 19 to pay. Ferreira was also fined \$25 for speeding. Ferreira, according to Deputy District Attorney Harris had been playing fast and loose with the court in the matter of appearing for trial after he had been notified. Deputy Harris had asked Justice Richmond for a bench warrant for the arrest of Ferreira earlier in the day, and court was about to adjourn when Ferreira appeared. After lecturing the man on his duties as regards respecting the law and the officers, Justice Richmond imposed the above fine with an alternative of 12 1-2 days in the county jail. As the sentence fell from the lips of the court Ferreira appeared to be stunned. He sat quite still for some moments, saying nothing. Finally he asked until April 19 to pay the fine, and walked from the court room in a manner much more crestfallen than that in which he entered it.

Two hundred dollars was collected in the morning session of Judge Richmond's court.

At the afternoon session of the court E. Barbino appeared to explain why he was going at an excessive rate of speed. Barbino had just purchased a new car—a large one and he explained to the court that he "just wanted to see how fast she would go." The court lectured Barbino upon the dangers of fast driving on a public road and assessed the customary fine. Barbino paid \$10 down and was given until April 26 to pay the rest.

Several cases were postponed for one week.

Fire Commissioners Elected

At the annual election of fire commissioners for 1915, held Monday last at the firehouse, Niles, a total of 21 votes were cast. Of this all were cast for the following three commissioners: J. D. Lynch, R. Robinson and J. B. Barnard.

The election board was composed of Andrew Kell, George W. Moore and J. A. Silva.

CHAMBER HAS NO QUORUM

Apparent Lack of Interest Prevents Meeting of Chamber of Commerce

After waiting until past 9 o'clock Tuesday night, for a quorum, President M. B. Sneden of the Niles Chamber of Commerce declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting. Only the officers and one or two members appeared.

BRUTAL MURDER LAST MONDAY

Italian Slays His Brother-in-Law Because of Trouble Over Partnership.

MURDERER GETS AWAY

All Possible Sources of Shelter for the Fugitive are Carefully Watched by Police and Detectives.

Tony Liga, an Italian of San Leandro shot and killed his brother-in-law, John Cannuzaro at that place Monday afternoon during an altercation relative to the renewal of a former partnership in the making of packing cases. The two men were seen walking down the Southern Pacific tracks shortly after 4 o'clock on that day. Later Liga disappeared and at his home it was ascertained that a revolver he owned was missing.

The shooting was witnessed by one Adrian Barbe, driver of a laundry wagon. George Geisenhofer, son of the former town marshal of San Leandro heard the shot and running up, fired at the retreating murderer.

Liga is said to have been heard to make threats on the dead man's life.

As Cannuzaro fell to the ground mortally wounded, his assailant bent over him and fired three more shots. Three of the bullets took effect, two lodging in the breast and the third in the right arm.

Word of the shooting quickly spread and a posse was formed for a chase.

At the autopsy three bullets were taken from the dead man's body, any one of which would have proven fatal.

The description of the fugitive given out is: Age, 32 years; weight, 170

or 180 pounds; height, 5 feet 8 inches. Clothes, dark suit, black slouch fedora hat, white shirt. Hair, dark; face sallow and smooth shaven and round. No vest.

That Liga is hiding in Oakland or San Francisco seems to be the general opinion of the sheriff's office.

In San Francisco detectives are watching the home of Liga's relatives there as well as that of his wife's family.

The Sicilian and Italian quarter is being combed for traces of the slayer.

Meanwhile the Italian colony at San Leandro is much stirred up over the affair. Cannuzaro was popular with them, while they do not have much good will for Liga.

Actual trace of Liga is lacking and the detectives admit that the murderer has covered his flight well.

WHY EXHIBIT IS POOR.

"Gentlemen" Agreement to Keep Down Expenses Is Repudiated.

Claims that the reason for Alameda county's poor showing at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is because this county lived up to a gentleman's agreement not to spend more than moderate amount of money for the big fair was made by Secretary Paul Goldsmith and other officials of the Alameda county exposition to the board of supervisors today.

Now the board of supervisors has taken things into its own hands and an appropriation of \$3000 will be made within the next ten days to start Alameda county toward her rightful position of eminence among the sister counties of the state, as measured by beauty and effulgence of exhibits at the exposition. This developed at a meeting this morning.

A complete rearrangement and a wide amplification of the Alameda county exhibit is going to be made, under the expert supervision of Carl Werner, noted architect, who has designed the interiors of San Francisco's most beautiful theaters. The \$3000 set as an initial appropriation by the agreement of the supervisors, sitting this morning in committee of the whole may be increased to \$10,000 if need be, says Chairman Murphy, to put Alameda county's display on a par with the displays of the counties that violated their agreement as to the amounts to be spent.

Werner, who had a preliminary sketch plan of arrangement of the ex-

hibit in evidence before the board to-day, will present formal plans and specifications to the supervisors next Thursday, at which time definite action by the board will be taken. Thereafter, a month's time is figured as a complete rehabilitation of the exhibit.

Charles J. Heeseman, chairman of the special subcommittee that has been investigating the inferiority of Alameda's display in comparison with those of other counties, and Wells Drury and A. F. St. Sure, the other members of the committee, were instrumental in getting Werner's services under way. They were present at the supervisors' session today with Werner's preliminary plans.

Mission San Jose.

Part of Werner's idea consists in a sort of "life-size" scenic reproduction of old Mission San Jose—which innumerable tourists locate in their minds at San Jose, Santa Clara county—in which will be a "diorama" or "reveal," scenically painted, showing three views of the three main divisions of the county as seen from the summit of the hills; the Mission San Jose section, the Livermore valley section and the bay cities section. These scenes will be painted by an artist yet to be selected, and are expected to attract much interest among possible settlers.

The second model of the Oakland city hall, left in the chamber of commerce when the order was sent to San Diego—because to have included it in the P. P. I. E. exhibit would have been to violate the said "agreement"—will be sent over to take a proud place in the revised exhibit.

At the San Diego fair the model on exhibition there is attracting all sorts of enthusiasm.

DENNETT BILL NOW UP.

Hynes Opposes Bill to Allow Grand Juries to Interfere With Office.

A bill, providing that grand juries may by a two-thirds vote appoint a special attorney to prosecute cases where the district attorney, for any

reason, may desire to prosecute, is before the judiciary committee of the assembly.

The measure has been introduced to cope with situations similar to that which arose in Oakland last fall when District Attorney Hynes refused to appoint Francis J. Heney a special prosecutor to investigate alleged corruption and graft.

It was introduced by Assemblyman Lewis L. Dennett of Modesto, and although Hynes appeared before the committee against the measure, Dennett promises to get it onto the floor of the house where he will fight for its passage.

Hynes opposes the bill on the ground that a special attorney would incur a great and extra expense on the counties. This argument is met in the bill, however, by a provision stipulating that the remuneration of the special prosecutor so appointed shall not exceed the salary paid the district attorney or his assistants if the case should be handled by them.

Diver's Machinery Faulty.

Sensational charges that the submarine F-4, which lies at the bottom of the entrance to Honolulu harbor with her crew dead in her compartments, was not in condition for undersea work when it met its fate, were made by Mrs. William S. Nelson, widow of the F-4's ranking engineer at Los Angeles today.

Mrs. Nelson had just arrived from Honolulu, where she maintained a ten-day vigil on the docks while futile efforts were made to raise the tomb ship. Here are some of the charges she made, based, she said, on information she gained from her husband:

"That the submarine's motors were defective, though it had recently come from drydock. The officers knew this and had told their families.

"That Nelson had reported this condition to the proper authorities.

"That the ship's air tank contained but four days' supply of air instead of two weeks' supply provided in regulations.

"That the food supply was below the standard fixed by regulations."

War's Toll.

The European nations now at war have lost over 5 million men according to a report of a military expert in the Avanti, a Roman newspaper recently.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

INFIRMARY WILL BE REPAIRED SOON

**Insurance Expert Advises Board
that Insurance Rates are Apt.
to be Baised.**

SHERIFF GETS A NEW AUTO

**Surveys Ordered for Straightening Out
the County Roads Through
Niles and Mission
San Jose.**

According to the monthly report of Sheriff Frank Barnett, made to the board of supervisors last Monday, the county jail housed 129 prisoners during March. Among the usual proportion of pickpockets, sneak thieves, drunks and "dopes" were to be found a number of criminals who have held the public eye for some time. This list includes Alfred Sells, slayer of the Vogels; John Barnett, a daring holdup, and Thomas Toohig and his wife, who a few weeks ago came into prominence through their accusations against Dr. Derrick, in which the Oakland physician was alleged to have been the father of Mrs. Twolig's baby.

An automobile for Sheriff was authorized.

Repairs and New Work at Infirmary

Owing to the presence of terra cotta tiles and unsafe chimneys, the building of the county infirmary constituted a fire danger and therefore a raise in insurance rates was probable, was the statement made before the board of supervisors by J. Neal Harris, insurance expert. Harris declared that immediate action should be taken to correct the defects in the building as a reinspection for determining insurance rates would be soon made by the board of fire underwriters, following the installation of a moving picture apparatus in the infirmary assembly room.

Upon the suggestion of Supervisor Joseph Kelley, the matter was referred to Supervisor Heyer, chairman of the hospital committee, with power to act. According to Kelley, the cost of the

infirmary would be under \$500, which would be saved in the resultant lower insurance rates.

Contract was awarded with E. Cinderson for construction of a ward building at the county infirmary to cost \$1085. The Healey-Tibbitts Company was awarded the contract for the Webster street repairs at unit prices, the estimated cost being \$500.

Saloon License Renewed.

A petition for the renewal of the saloon license of Ludwig Hanson, favorably acted upon by the committee, was passed, while the application of M. T. Azevedo, at Warm Springs for a license, was put over pending investigation.

Road Work Under Consideration.

Petition was filed for the opening of a new road, to be known as the Jennings Landing road, near San Leandro. A committee consisting of County Surveyor Perry A. Haviland, J. J. Donovan and E. J. Holland was appointed to investigate and report.

Surveys were ordered for the alignment of the county road through Niles. The work will be done at an early date. Mission road will also be surveyed.

New System Planned.

Plans for changing the watchman system in the Hall of Records, to require watchmen to report at signal boxes each hour, were approved.

At Infirmary Movie Show.

Monday evening, April 12, the Native Sons of the Golden West, in conjunction with the board of supervisors will dedicate the new moving picture machine which will be in operation at the county infirmary for the first time on that evening.

The committee of arrangements consists of Dr. C. A. Wills, J. J. Dignan and Frank Behrmann.

Cheap Gasoline—Maybe.

Louis Bond Cherry of Kansas City will apply for patents on a process by which he says it will be possible to market gasoline at a profit for 3 cents a gallon. Mr. Cherry says his process will not only treble the output of gasoline, but will increase the price on low gravity oil and dispose of the thousands of barrels now a drug on the market and a burden to the refiner.

His process is an electro-chemical one and differs from all others in that he uses nothing in the conversion of oil to gasoline but heat, pressure, natural gas and electricity.

SCHEDULE OF RATES ANNOUNCED FOR OAKLAND'S NEW AUDITORIUM

**Free to Conventions, But Comes High
to Private Parties.**

It is going to cost considerable money to obtain the use of Oakland's new \$1,000,000 municipal auditorium, according to the schedule of rates just announced by the city. All of the 60 or more big conventions that will meet in Oakland this year will, of course, be given the free use of the big building, but private enterprises of all kinds must pay.

The arena, which has a seating capacity of 8344, divided into 464 box seats, 3958 orchestra seats and 3722 balcony seats, and the dimensions of which are 96 by 212 feet, will be rented as follows, according to classification of entertainment:

One night and day, \$500 to \$2500; three days and nights, \$400 to \$5000; one week, \$800 to \$1000; one matinee, \$75.

The theater, with a seating capacity of 1916, divided into 930 parquet seats, 458 balcony and 528 gallery, will be rented at the following rates:

One night, \$200 to 300; matinee, \$100; two nights, \$350 to \$500; one week, \$1000; one week with two matinees, \$1200.

The art gallery will be rented at \$100 a night for balls, parties, etc., while for travelogues, lectures and smaller class of entertainments, \$75 will be charged, with a matinee rate of \$50. The large ball room will be \$75 a night for balls and parties, for other forms of entertainments \$65 will be charged, with a \$50 matinee rate. Smaller rooms will rent for \$25 a night and \$15 for matinees. In each case \$10 extra will be charged for a moving picture machine and operator.

To show the conflicting character of the information given out in connection with Oakland's municipal auditorium, after calling to attention that Director of Congresses James A. Barr of the P. P. I. E. said there were 132 conventions to meet in Alameda county the following "last word" is given out.—Ed.

With eighty-three conventions already listed, the dates for seventy-two of which have been announced, Oakland will probably gain its eighty-

fourth 1915 convention soon. This information is contained in a letter to Joseph E. Caine, managing director of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce-Commercial Club, consolidated, from Dr. Walter W. Roach of Philadelphia. Dr. Roach is secretary of the American Open Air School Association.

No More "Petticoat Reiga."

After two years in office, Mrs. H. C. Defenbaugh, mayor of Tyro, Kans., was Monday defeated for re-election by C. F. Herring, candidate on an independent ticket. Five women candidates for places on the city council with Mrs. Defenbaugh on the citizens' ticket, also were defeated.

Allegations of mismanagement of city affairs under the administration of Mrs. Defenbaugh figured conspicuously in the campaign.

AMERICANS ANSWER BRYAN

Can't Afford to Leave the Mexican Capital, They Say.

American residents of Mexico City and vicinity, in a meeting at the American Club at that city, drafted a reply to a message from Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, advising them of President Wilson's warning for Americans to leave Mexico until conditions become settled, declaring it was impossible for them to leave according to a message from Mexico City, dated March 31, which reached San Antonio on Monday by way of San Luis Potosi.

The message quotes from the reply as follows:

"If the foreigners should leave en masse, it would be to repeat the late and sad experiences of the Belgians. With many it means to leave behind the savings and other interests of a life time, and to arrive in the United States or Europe virtually as charges of the public or friends.

"Financial difficulties are too great for the average family to leave again on a voyage of thousands of miles. Thousands of Americans and other foreigners scattered throughout the country find it impossible to leave their property or abandon positions of trust. Duty obliges them to remain."

Mrs. Nelson Home Again.

Mrs. Fred Nelson, who underwent a capital operation at the O'Connor sanitarium, San Jose, a week ago Saturday, was removed to her home in Niles Tuesday. Mrs. Nelson is rapidly recovering from the effects of the operation, and reports are to the effect that she will soon be about again.

WHAT ONE MAN IS DOING ON A SMALL PIECE OF LAND

**City Man Clears \$75 a Month on a Lot
75 by 100 Feet.**

Here is a solution of the high cost of living in the city, worked out by an Oakland man, not on paper but in practical results that net him a comfortable living and \$75 a month toward his bank account.

C. E. Steiner, who has solved the timely problem, operates a miniature rancho on a 75 by 100 lot at his Oakland home. He started two years ago with \$500 capital, out of which he erected a home and bought his foundation stock. His establishment now includes: 500 pigeons, 200 rabbits, 24 chickens; 25 vegetable patches and 1 milk goat.

From the pigeons he clears \$60 a month and his rabbits also bring an income. The garden furnishes home vegetables and feed for the stock. The milk and eggs are for home consumption and the chickens are fed from waste grain left by the pigeons.

Steiner puts in 30 minutes a day in taking care of the place.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

**Balance of \$1,237,462.35 on Hand
All Fools' Day.**

M. J. Kelly, county treasurer, has filed the following report for the month of March, 1915:

Balance on hand, March 1, 1915, \$1,236,179.78.

Receipts since March 1, 1915, \$291,306.02.

Total on hand, \$1,617,485.80.

Disbursements since March 1, 1915, \$380,761.19.

Balance on hand April 1, 1915, \$1,236,724.61.

Special Funds.

Balance in tax redemption March 1, 1915, \$744.30.

Total receipts, \$744.30.

Disbursements since March 1, 1915, \$6.56.

Balance on hand April 1, 1915, \$737.74.

Total cash on hand, April 1, 1915, \$1,237,462.35.

DELINQUENT SALE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased, has filed the following report for the month of March, 1915:

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And in accordance with law and an order of the Board of Directors made on the 28th day of January, 1915, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary will be sold at public auction at the office of the company, Room 903, No. 310 Sansome street, San Francisco, California, on Tuesday, the 27th day of April, 1915, at the hour of Two o'clock p. m. of said day, to pay said delinquent assessment thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

GEO. E. SPRINGER, Secretary.
Office, Room 903, No. 310 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California.
4-8/422.

Oil-Field Flyer

**Fresno, Bakersfield
Porterville, and Other
San Joaquin Valley Points**

**Sleeping cars open for occupancy after 9 p. m. at
Oakland Pier.
Buffet observation car Fresno to Bakersfield.
Smoker and chair cars.
Entire line protected by automatic electric block
signals.
See our agents for further information.**

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

L. RICHARDSON, District Freight and Passenger Agent,
13th and Broadway, Oakland. Phone Oakland 162.

C. F. CORRIGAN, Traveling Passenger Agent.

A. J. RUTHERFORD, Agent, Niles.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow, and as R. D. Blacow, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within ten (10) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, 1101 Union Savings Bank Building, northeast corner of Thirteenth street and Broadway, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Richard D. Blacow, also known as Richard Deering Blacow and as R. D. Blacow, deceased.

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In response to numerous inquiries regarding the rules and regulations governing the sending of farm products to city residents the following is submitted:

Parcel post matter for local rural route and first and second zone shall embrace all matter, including farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class.

Parcels shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. In size they shall not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor in form and kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can easily be examined. They must bear the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

How to Pack.

Anything liquid or liquefiable must be placed in a bag, box or removable envelope or wrapping made of paper, cloth, parchment or similar material and inclosed in a box or tube of metal or wood with a sliding clasp or screw lid.

In case of such articles liable to break, the inner bag or box or envelope must be surrounded by sawdust, excelsior, cotton or similar substance.

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The first zone includes all territory within the 50-miles limit of your postoffice in any direction.

The second zone includes all the territory outside of the first zone (50 miles) and within the 150-mile limit of your postoffice in any direction.

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Weights—	Local	One Zone	Two Zone
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2 pounds.....	.06	.06	.07
3 pounds.....	.07	.07	.08
4 pounds.....	.08	.08	.09
5 pounds.....	.09	.09	.10
6 pounds.....	.10	.10	.11
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47 pounds.....	.51	.51	.52
48 pounds.....	.52	.52	.53
49 pounds.....	.53	.53	.54
50 pounds.....	.54	.54	.55

Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel may be insured for 5 cents on a valuation up to \$25 and 10 cents on a valuation over \$25 and up to \$50.

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The sender of a parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may have the price of the article and the charges thereon collected from the addressee on payment of a fee of 10 cents in postage stamps affixed, provided the amount to be collected does not exceed \$100. Such a parcel may be insured against loss without additional charge, in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50.

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Special Delivery.

The postoffice department has arranged that upon payment of 10 cents additional any parcel post package will secure immediate delivery.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS

Legislature Plans to Adjourn By May 1.

Since the adjournment of the Legislature is set for noon, Saturday, May 1, in a concurrent resolution introduced in the Assembly last Monday by Schmitt of San Francisco. It is the second adjournment resolution to appear in the House. Last week Gelder proposed adjournment on April 24. The Schmitt resolution will probably have the support of the administration in both branches of the legislature.

Wants to Oust all Kinds of Lobbyists from Legislature.

Senator Slater is planning to take drastic steps to drive from the floors of both houses of the legislature lobbyists who, he declares, have no right under the law to push legislation openly.

He plans to have every person in the Senate Chamber not entitled to be there ousted.

Lobbyists are here on every kind of legislation proposed. Some of them are pretty women, some brawny workmen, some well-groomed capitalists, clever lawyers and doctors, uniformed firemen, "gunshoe" detectives, prohibitionists, antis and what not.

They have become very bold and attempt to prompt the members' remarks. Lieutenant Governor Eshleman and President pro tem Thompson, in the senate, have denounced lobbyists.

State Song "Jashed" Out of Existence in Assembly.

By a vote of 42 to 26, the lower House of the legislature last Monday refused to be a party to the Senate proposal that "I Love You California" be the state song. This action was taken when the Assembly had quietly perceived under the influence of a serious talk from Speaker C. C. Young, after a period of uproar and mirth over various proposed amendments to the ballad. The speaker counseled the Assembly to be serious and not regard it a joke to legally recognize a song lacking "in artistic merit and whose words read like a real estate advertisement."

Prior to the debate on the bill, the wife of a state senator and ten girls from the Sacramento high school had sung the song in the Assembly chamber. During the noon recess Senator Scott had staged in the capitol grounds an open air musical concert, which was participated in by a circus brass band and a young woman on horseback who sang the song.

During the burlesque debate on Senator Scott's bill to make "I Love You California" the official state song, Assemblyman Hawson presented a proposed amendment to the song, written by Assemblyman Cary, which read as follows:

"I love you, San Francisco,
For your sandlots and your fleas;
I love you, Sacramento,
You absorb our cash with ease;
I love you, fruity Fresno,
With your summers hot as—well,
To measure how I love you
I can't find words to tell."

After this and other amendments had been voted down amid laughter, Assemblyman Hawson made a serious speech in opposition to the plan to dignify the song with the official seal of the state. Other speeches in the same vein were made by Speaker Young, Assemblyman Henry Ward Brown and others, and the bill was defeated.

Big Fight in Senate Over Owen's Apprentice Bill.

A bill by Senator Owens forbidding any restrictions upon the number of apprentices to any trade, characterized by its opponents as a measure "to destroy labor unions and establish an open shop" and by its supporters as a bill "to give the American boy a chance in life" passed the Senate Tuesday with 22 ayes and 17 noes. Senator Tyrell of Oakland, leader of the opposition changed his vote and gave notice of a motion for reconsideration, making the vote 23 to 16.

Half the members of the Senate engaged in the tense two hours' debate that preceded passage.

"This would be one of the most tardy things put across in the Legislature," said Benson. "It is desired by men who want cheap labor and its object is to reduce pay and its result would be to decrease efficiency of mechanics. It takes away from the working man the right to make a contract with his employer on the terms under which he is willing to work."

"This bill dropped out of a clear sky after the legislative recess when the word had gone out that the Senate was an anti-labor body. The bill strikes a very vital blow at labor unions. It is an attempt for the state to

step in and regulate the by-laws of the unions," said Senator Wolfe.

Chandler of Fresno, speaking for the bill, said:

"The gist of the bill is simply this, that it shall be unlawful for anyone to throw anything in the way of a young man learning a trade."

"If the passage of this bill brings about the open shop, then I am for the open shop," said Anderson of Orange county.

Senator Struckenbruck declared that the door to trades had been shut, and that "in the entire county of San Joaquin there is not a young man learning a skilled trade."

"The purpose of this bill is to create industrial warfare, which will happen if it is enacted," said Flaherty of San Francisco.

Before Tyrell changed his vote the roll call showed:

Ayes—Anderson, Ballard, Benedict, Birdsall, Breed, Brown, Butler, Campbell, Chandler, Cogswell, Cohn, Flint, Irwin, Maddux, Mott, Owens, Purkitt, Shearer, Strobridge, Stuckenbruck, Thompson—22.

Noes—Beban, Benson, Carr, Crowley, Duncan, Finn, Flaherty, Gerdes, Jones, Kehoe, Luce, Lyon, Rush, Scott, Slater, Tyrell, Wolfe—17.

Absent—Hans.

Oakland Water Bill Is Favorably Reported.

lashed by one or more cities, or by a city with unincorporated territory, under a bill by Senator Breed reported with a recommendation for passage to the Senate Tuesday. Its primary aim is to permit Oakland to join with outside territory in a proposed purchase of the Peoples Water Company. An amendment has been incorporated permitting purchase of traction lines and other utilities.

Anti-Injunction Bill Is to Stand On Its Own Merits.

An agreement was reached in the Senate Tuesday for reference of the anti-injunction bill back to the Senate judiciary committee. Last week an amendment was put into the bill in committee which led its supporters to declare that the aim of the bill was destroyed. With this amendment opponents of the bill in its original form were willing to vote for it. It has been agreed that the amendment will be stricken out and the bill brought back to the floor in its first form so that the Senate contest can be made a clean fight for or against the bill. The anti-injunction bill is regarded as the most important part of the legislative program of organized labor.

Anti-Vaccination Bill Passes the Lower House.

The Assembly late Tuesday afternoon passed the Gelder bill, providing for the abolition of compulsory vaccination in the public schools.

Opening the discussion with the statement that through unsanitary vaccination hundreds of children and even grown-ups had contracted serious blood and skin diseases, Gelder declared:

"Sanitation and not vaccination is the cure for this disease. I was a victim of vaccination. My body for many months was broken out with running sores, and I ask you as fair-minded men to put a stop to this inhuman and unnecessary practice."

Gelder supported his statements with federal reports and from letters of prominent physicians from various parts of the country.

Wishard of Los Angeles opposed the bill, pointing out that small pox had been decreased because of vaccination rather than sanitation. He, too, quoted from government reports.

Little Opposition Shown to Public Defender Bill.

Only four votes—Owens, Purkitt, Stuckenbruck and Irwin of Hanford—were recorded against Senator Lyons' bill for the creation of the office of public defender in counties, although debate on the measure continued for some time. There were twenty-eight ayes. The bill is strongly favored by labor organizations.

Establishment of the new county office is not mandatory, the bill providing that supervisors may appoint a public defender. Under the bill a public defender shall defend without expense any persons charged with crime or an offense, who is unable financially to employ counsel, to prosecute actions for the collection of wages up to \$50, and to protect any person too poor to hire an attorney, where the public defender deems that the person is being persecuted or unjustly harassed.

The public defender's salary in San Francisco and Alameda counties is fixed

at \$3000; San Diego, San Bernardino and Kern counties, \$1800; Riverside, \$1500; Orange and Napa counties, \$1200. Other counties range from \$900 down to a nominal \$60 a year in a large number of the smaller counties. Luce of San Diego joined with Lyon in leading the argument for the bill.

Educational Matters Are Being Considered.

The educational committee of the Senate has recommended for passage a bill providing for the furnishing of free text books to state institutions where instruction is given to the inmates, such as reformatories and industrial schools.

Other bills recommended by the committee provide for the establishment of post-graduate courses in grammar schools in country districts where there are no high schools; prohibiting the possession or use of cigarettes by pupils on public school premises; provide for the holding of conventions of high school principals and for the payment of the expense of the delegates; provide that for the formation of union high school districts a majority of the votes from each of the old school districts must be obtained, instead of merely a majority of the votes of the union district, and authorized the establishment of vacation schools in districts where they are desired.

VALUE OF SEWAGE.

Hundreds of Thousands Wasted by Method of Disposal.

"When will California catch up with China?" demands Professor C. B. Lipman of the University of California in a statement in which he declares that the state is annually dumping over two hundred thousand dollars into the sea.

Professor Lipman, who is widely known as an authority on soil chemistry, has been conducting an investigation together with Professor P. S. Burgess on the subject of sewage disposal in California and has discovered some startling facts.

Without any greater cost than at present is spent in dumping sewage and garbage in the ocean, it is declared that all such could be turned into fertilizer of a commercial value running into hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. By experiments the soil experts have discovered that the nitrogen in dried blood, fish guano, system septic and Imhoff tanks is very much more valuable for plant use than the nitrogen in dried blood, fish guano, etc. They recommend the use of air

sludge from septic tanks especially on the lighter soils. To put this on the soil, they state, would cost little more than the present extravagance of throwing it away by barge loads.

Submarine Slips Off Ledge.

The submarine F-4, at the bottom of the harbor at Honolulu, has slipped from the ledge to which it was dragged toward the deepest water of the harbor.

This was admitted at the navy department, following the receipt of advices from Rear Admiral Moore, commandant at Honolulu. It is now believed that further progress toward the raising the submarine will be impossible until the arrival of the expert divers and improved apparatus which left San Francisco on the 6th for Hawaii on the cruiser Maryland.

Exercised "Inalienable Right."

L. C. Wells of Los Angeles, a miner by occupation, exercised the only "inalienable right" man has by filling his mouth full of water and discharging a shot gun loaded with power into it. The discharge was so forcible as to blow the top of Wells' head off.

STILL CONSIDERING W. P.

Another Conference Held Looking to Purchase by State.

A conference upon the proposed purchase by the state of the Western Pacific railroad, now in receivership, was held on the 6th in the office of Governor Hiram W. Johnson. Present at the conference, which continued for more than three hours, were Rudolph Spreckels and Charles S. Wheeler, who made the original suggestion to Governor Johnson a few weeks ago, Lieutenant Governor Eshleman, John F. Neylan, and Clyde L. Seavey of the State Board of Control and John F. Bowie, a San Francisco attorney.

"All there is to say is that we were considering the matter. When our

study is completed, a statement will be made," was the only comment made by the governor after the conference. The others declined to make any statement.

The conference followed the return from the east of Spreckels and Bowie who went to New York for discussion of the plan with eastern financiers. In Washington Spreckels called on President Wilson, and it was reported at the time that the main purpose of his visit was a discussion of public ownership of the Western Pacific railroad.

Although Spreckels, whose eastern trip was on his own initiative, gave a full account of information gathered and the whole proposal was discussed in considerable detail, it is not believed that any definite conclusions were reached today or that any will be forthcoming for some time. An opinion exists here that so many probable obstacles would be encountered that an immediate initiation of the plan is unlikely.



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Time for Publicity

IN THIS issue of The Press, under the heading of "What People Think," there appears a list of eight questions over the nom de plume "A Tax Payer" that seem to us not only timely, but to the point.

They may not be asked sequentially as to logic or importance, but they teem with a thirst for information to which, in all justice, people are entitled.

In the first place, it is but natural that the unhealthy suspicion that runs throughout the questions, under the policy of continued reticence that has marked the workings of the water commissioners, should obtain; and in the second place, if the mistrust is unwarranted, as we firmly believe it is, it is none the less damaging to the ends that the people want and that the commission has so earnestly striven to bring about.

There should be no court secrets now. The time for whatever tactical advantage that might result from a policy of secrecy has passed. Both sides to the controversy have outlined their course of action. We are satisfied that longer to fail to take the taxpayers into their confidence is a showing of weakness on part of the commission that will be welcomed by those who would expropriate the one resource of this section upon which all others depend.

Anyone can "read between the lines" of "Tax Payer's" communication a spirit of fight that will not be at all consoling to the water company, unless it fails to elicit the answer asked.

The sentiments unexpressed, more than the undertone of dissatisfaction, is plain. They emanate from the positive sort of a mind that will not be quieted by half-way measures. The wish that "the water may be flowing under the Niles bridge" is inspiration for the question as to when it may be hoped for. Likewise, the question as to when the taxpayers are to receive any benefit from the money they are paying out is quite natural, as is that which follows inquiring as to the method of recovering the people's lost (stolen would be better) rights.

The spirit of malice or envy that prompted the 8th question would better have been elided, but its showing marks a frankness that is more healthy than any amount of contemptuous reticence on part of the commission could possibly be. And the request that the information asked be published evinces a disposition for general weal that none can asperse.

Now, gentlemen of the commission, come through with the information. You are not greater than your creators, the people. Remember that "A Tax Payer" but voices inquiries that are in the minds of many, some of whom, less frank than he, are so unjust as to condemn you unheard. Be big—big enough for the trust that has been reposed in you.

A Lesson in Bond Issues

ON another page is a news item regarding what Oakland intends to do with its magnificent and costly auditorium. These figures will prove mighty interesting to the thinker—the man who weighs in terms of dollars and cents the results of bond issues.

To begin with, and to place the best possible aspect upon the endurance of buildings—the maximum period of usefulness of buildings constructed under present-day methods—the Oakland auditorium will have ceased to serve the purposes for which it was built in 35 years, or five years before the bonds that enabled the undertaking have been paid.

The period of the issue covers 40 years, but in our calculation we have cut this in two to facilitate figuring.

The rate of interest is 5 per cent. A million dollars is the cost of the building.

No deduction will be made for interest on investment in land, nor will the loss of the tax value of the property if it were in private hands be used to further militate against the proposition. We want to put the best possible face upon a bad venture, and are willing to appear lax in our calculation in order so to do.

Now, after we call to attention that no rental charge will be made of the "60 or more conventions that will meet in Oakland this year," according to the news item, but which according to the figures of James A. Barr, director of congresses of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, given out as boost propaganda in the recent fair-bond-issue campaign, "132 congresses and conventions are to meet in Alameda county during the year." Of course these all can't meet in the auditorium, and there are other cities besides Oakland—Niles, Centerville, Alvarado, Decoto, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs, for instance—but it is only fair to say that at least 50 per cent of these conventions will meet where rent is free, so we will use the news item figures (60) as a basis to show that "figures won't lie," whatever can be said of figurers.

We want to show the "true inwardness" of bond issues—who they help, and why the intense interest in them in certain circles.

To digress a moment. Mr. Barr also said that a conservative estimate of the amount those convention visitors would spend in Alameda county would be \$6,000,000. You can't understand what that means unless you measure a silver dollar and find that it is 1 7/16 inches in diameter and that 6,000,000 of them laid in a straight line measures 8,625,000 inches or over 136,128 miles. If stacked five high along the S. P. track a line of silver dollars would reach from Niles station to somewhere out in the bay. If a man were to make \$100 a day, including Sundays, he would have to live over 164 years to earn \$6,000,000, the sum that is to be left in Alameda county by these convention visitors. How much of this goes to farmers and city labor?

You better figure that out yourself lest you suspicion our figures as we do those of Mr. Barr. If you do this you will begin to appreciate what bond issues, other than those for schools, roads, water systems, and similar permanent, necessary, every-day public improvements really mean—who gets the "cream of the joke" and who gets the skimmed milk.

This is April 8. The fair has been running a month and a half. It has seven and one-half months more to go—say 8. We can't recall any conventions in Alameda county, but say that 10 have been held; that leaves 50 conventions yet to be held in say 7 months. That is 7 and over a month. Cutting out the Sundays, that means that they can't average 4 days apiece, whereas most conventions use at least 5 days in transacting business. Don't you see how impossible these bond-boom figurers figure?

Now, who boosts bonds? Such bonds as the P. P. I. E., bonds, we mean? Isn't it those who reap the benefit? Do you get any direct benefit from them? And the indirect benefit you derive you have to pay for in interest on investment of those who advance the tax, in profits they add to what you buy and consume.

To be sure you have to pay taxes on increased values of your holdings in localities where bonded indebtedness is heavy, and that raises the price of land until it won't move. In other words your land is actually worth so much per acre to you, but you can't get the money out of it, neither in the sale price nor in value of products.

The bond business "listens fine" but it doesn't pan out from the producers' standpoint. The benefits are too indirect. The money is like the Russian soldier's shirt, it is mighty short when it comes to the consumer—it passes through too many hands.

If you turn to the auditorium article ("Schedule of Rates Announced for Oakland's New Auditorium") you will find that \$52,000 a year is the maximum revenue possible. If you figure the interest on the bonds (\$1,000,000) at 5 per cent, the rate they bear, you will find that interest alone foots up \$50,000 a year. No cost of maintenance or supervision will be used against the unbusinesslike venture of the poor business administration that is being so much aspersed in Oakland just now. This will show a possible \$2000 a year to apply to a sinking fund with which to pay off the principal.

In 40 years it would amount to \$80,000. There is some difference between that and a million. The people will pay that together with maintenance and supervision charges and deterioration to the plant and fixtures.

If you go to the trouble to figure it out, you will find that 5 per cent interest in 20 years means that you pay back 100 per cent of the loan in interest—dollar for dollar of the amount borrowed. How long can any one stand that.

We have used the auditorium project of Oakland to illustrate the vicious tendencies of bonds simply because it is near enough at hand and of a character to fit our purpose in trying to prove to the reader what bonded indebtedness means when undertaken for other than necessary social purposes. The auditorium is a class undertaking—a business class one that interests the people, aside from its financing and maintenance, only insofar as it appeals to senseless and wasteful pride. It should help those who are groping to differentiate between kinds of public improvements and assist them to devise more economical means of financing really meritorious and necessary innovations that will keep us industrially apace with the requisites of American citizenship. If we watch industrial interests social welfare will take care of itself.

Many children are afraid of the dark because of the lies that are told them, and there is much dread of crime that is equally foolish because its true nature is enshrouded in the darkness of ignorance, of which lazy, superstitious reformers have taken advantage.

If the police would cease to exploit crime and some of the clergy stop immolating sin, there would be less of both. Things grow and thrive, you know, in proportion to the attention given them.

Single-Tax Practically Applied

HOME rule in taxation is manifesting, as was expected by its promoters, particularly in country sections, into adoption of single-tax methods. In this state proprietors of 175,000 acres in the rich Turlock district have adopted tax methods which exempt all improvements and personal property from local taxation. This means that in that district all irrigation projects will be financed by direct levy on land only.

This acquisition to a growing innovation in method of acquiring revenue has ceased to be a vulnerable theory. It has proven of practical benefit whenever adopted. It finds national precedent in ad valorem duties and state example in the yet new method of raising revenue from corporation tax.

Single tax, particularly in localities where intensive farming is the vogue secures justice to all concerned in the matter of financing government. To the small man in a landed way it pays a premium on industry—makes his taxes less through freeing up the tax value of large or uncultivated tracts. It equalizes values of land and in so doing prevents inflation for speculative purposes. It takes all the buncombe out of the real estate business—makes fewer "suckers" and less "wise guys" to prey upon them.

Modesto and Oakdale, adjoining the Turlock district, were first to adopt single tax in connection with raising funds to promote irrigation projects. Their experience brought their neighbors by a vote of 993 to 260 to apply the Henry George theory locally.

If single tax were adopted in cities it would result in forcing men who buy and hold land for the purpose of reaping unearned increment to build or sell to someone who would improve plots now vacant and unsightly. Non-resident owners would not remain the menace of the past, and land-poor persons and corporations could be forced to make street and other improvements of a public service nature promptly, instead of greedily standing in the light of public welfare as now.

The only reason that single tax is not now generally adopted lies in the misrepresentation of big land gamblers and the credulence and lethargy of those who it would benefit. In a section largely devoted to fruit and gardening, such as this township, there is no good reason why we should continue under the present inequitable and reactionary method.

Suspicion

OF ALL the other base motives under which humanity struggles suspicion is the basest and most degrading, the least beneficial and greatest destroyer of those characteristics that are supposed to mark mankind as the highest of God's creatures.

The misery that suspicion awakens in the mind of its coddler, reflects its paroxysms in the face, the hangdog look and even the nervous dejected carriage of the person whose diseased mind falls victim to its ravages. And in the end, those toward whom its shafts are directed lose every human feeling for those who send them out—love, respect, every human feeling which makes us above the lower animals—all but that compassion which alone lives by absence and can thrive only on memory, which blots out all but the few finer characteristics which suspicion-born hatred has throttled with its tares.

The suspicious man becomes a pessimist. The suspicious woman becomes a paranoiac. The pessimist is avoided by his kind as a kill-joy, and the paranoiac becomes a boding pest that gets upon the nerves of all into whose contact ill-fortune may thrust her. Both go to the grave "unwept, unhonored and unsung," and the last breath takes its leave from human clay amid sighs of relief and feelings of relief-inspired pity.

In the presence of the pessimist, normal people feel somewhat as do children when contemplating a skeleton—a nameless dread of which they are ashamed, realizing its groundlessness.

The face of the pessimist is lined with furrows of care which outline in gruesome character all that marks nobility. Grouch-bags undelie deep-set lusterless eyes, and the thin, square visage or over-fat and gross features counterbalance the frown or acrid expression that makes children shy and dogs slink from his presence.

The face of the paranoiac is limned with a strange mixture of that vengeance which is the Lord's and that jealousy which consumes whatever beauty God may have given in the beginning. Hers is the living death—the earthly expiation of self-sinners which selfishness imposes. The voice inspires dread and the soul exhales a contagion which defiles even the debt of duty. Tears of grititude moisten her grave, and the epitaph that marks her head-stone is: "She is at rest; she's better off." In the minds of those who owed her love, only compassion lives; no sorrow at her passing, only pity for the sins she has incubated and the vicarious atonement she has visited on those whose duty bound her to them.

A Long Way in Forty Years.

(From the Emporia, Kans., Gazette.)

In Fort Scott a man's club discussed Eugene Ware and his work. Naturally the discussion focused on the "Washerwoman's Song," an sequel to it which Ware wrote to a man . . . who baited the poet, and which follows:

I see the spire,
I see the throng,
I hear the choir,
I hear the song;
I listen to the anthem while
It pours its volume down the aisle;
I listen to the splendid rhyme
That, with a melody sublime,
Tells of some far-off fadeless clime,
Of man and his finality,
Of hope and immortality.

Oh, theme of themes,
Are men mistaught?
Are hopes, like dreams,
To come to naught?
Is all the beautiful and good
Delusive and misunderstood?
And has the soul no forward reach?
And do indeed the facts impeach
The theories that the teachers teach?
And is this immortality
Delusion or reality?

What hope reveals
Mind tries to clasp,
But soon it reels
With broken grasp.
No chain yet forged on anvil's brink
Was stronger than its weakest link;
And are there not along this chain
Imperfect links that snap in twain
When caught in logic's tensile strain?
And is not immortality
The child of ideality?

And yet—at times—
We get advice
That seems like chimes
From Paradise:
The soul doth sometimes seem to be
In sunshine which it cannot see;
At times the spirit seems to roam
Beyond the land, above the foam,
Back to some half-forgotten home.
Perhaps this immortality
May be indeed reality.

These lines forced Eugene Ware out of Kansas politics. . . . He had an ambition to go to Congress, but the Church people would not let him go after writing these lines. He had raised the doubt of Heaven as a reward for good conduct and it was the basis of religion in those days; just as Hell, as a punishment, was the chief religious reason assigned for avoiding bad conduct. . . . Good Eugene Ware; if he were a young man today, Kansas would send him to Congress for writing the poem, instead of penalizing him for it. How far we have come in forty years! Disputes over creeds are passing; the doctrine of the apostolic succession, which the Catholics hold, does not keep the Methodists from fraternizing with the Catholics in every good cause. . . . Heaven and Hell no longer are the chief ends of religious life. . . . Men don't avoid evil to keep from going to Hell, but because they know that meanness makes its own Hell here on this earth, and that in the long run it pays to be decent. . . . And Heaven—no man whose mind could conceive of a Heaven that would be less than a boredom would go there if he had to go alone, if he couldn't save his fellows by saving himself. . . . We have come a long way in religion in forty years. And we are going forward fast. It would be fine to be here fifty years from now!

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BASEBALL

Livermore Goes Down in Defeat

Niles-Essany Indians took the first game of the series from Livermore last Sunday at Sullivan's park by a 2 to 0 score. It was a pretty game considering the fact that the weather was anything but ideal for ball playing and the wind gave the outfielders no end of trouble.

Fodder Dolan pitched great ball at all stages, fanning sixteen Livermore players. Allen and Devine, two members of last season's Newark club, played first and third respectively for Livermore and helped to keep the score down. A triple play by the visitors was a great feature of the game.

It happened with Breslau on second and Robinson on third and no outs. Dolan hit a liner to the left of shortstop. Silva, who jumped in the air caught the ball, threw to third and Devine threw back to Silva, completing a double. The two clubs will meet again soon.

Niles-Essany Indians.									
AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.				
Esola, ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	1			
Sund, c.....	4	0	0	16	0	0			
Wittenmeyer, lf.....	4	0	2	3	0	0			
Fries, cf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0			
Burroughs, c.....	3	1	1	2	0	0			
Totheroh, 2b.....	2	0	0	1	1	0			
Robinson, lb.....	3	0	2	2	0	0			
Breslau, rf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0			
Doland, p.....	3	0	0	0	1	2			
Totals.....	30	2	9	26	2	3			

Livermore.									
AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.				
Rubart, rf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0			
Devine, 2b.....	4	0	0	2	3	0			
Silva, ss.....	3	0	0	3	2	2			
Allen, lb.....	4	1	9	0	0	0			
Worth, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	3	0			
Roland, p.....	3	0	0	1	4	1			
Selaya, lf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0			
Tubbs, c.....	3	0	1	7	1	0			
Drachli, cf.....	3	0	0	0	1	0			
Totals.....	31	0	3	24	14	3			

Summary.
Triple Play—Silva to Devine to Silva. Two base hits—Fries, 2; Struck Out—By Dolan, 16; by Rolands, 6. Bases on Balls—Off Dolan, 3; off Rolands 1. Stolen Bases—Devine. Sacrifice Hit—Totheroh.

The opening game of the season between the Niles-Essany Indians and Newark will be played at Newark this Sunday coming and it will also be the first game of the series between the two clubs. As heretofore great rivalry exists between the two clubs and a battle royal is expected.

Manager Del Snow of the Newark team was in Niles this week and announced that his team this season is much stronger than last season. From the line-up he announced one would think so, but fans have pointed out that the Indians always have the same strong battling team on the field, and are never defeated until the last man is retired.

The Newark lineup for Sunday is as follows: Thollander, catcher; Glavernich and Remmer, pitchers; Allen, first base; Bartrim, second, Kerr, third, G. Davis, short; J. Devine, Berquert, H. Davis and Hamilton, outfield.

Baseball Notes.
Martin Killilay of the Niles-Essany Indians left Saturday last for Seattle where he will re-join the Northwestern league.

Eddie Fries has announced his intention of remaining with the Niles-Essany Indians for the coming season.

M. A. Breslau, who went to Los Angeles with Charles Chaplin and company Wednesday will be succeeded in the Niles-Essany Indians by Perry.

NOT TO SHOW FIGHT FILM

Federal Statute Prevents Importation of Willard Johnson Films to U. S.

Persons who had hoped to see the Willard-Johnson fight in motion pictures will be disappointed. It was stated in Washington yesterday that a federal statute expressly forbids not only the interstate transportation of fight films but the importation of such films from foreign countries. It provides a fine of \$1000 and imprisonment for one year or both for each offense.

The law was passed by Congress on July 31, 1910, twenty-seven days after the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, Nevada, and resulted from fears on the part of many members of Congress, especially from the South, that race riots would follow attempts of the promoters to show the fight in the "movies."

California Law Upheld.

The Supreme Court of the United States Tuesday upheld the validity of the California laws governing the sale of land for delinquent taxes.

What People Think

Some Pertinent Questions.
Niles, April 5, 1915.

Mr. Editor: I would like to ask the Water Commissioners of the Alameda County Water District through your paper, a few questions:

1st. What is the object of having so many men do the same work over and over again?

2nd. Is it not true the data you now are taking is of record and has been for some time?

3d. When will you have the water flowing under the Niles Bridge all summer as it did before the Spring Valley company paid in cash for riparian rights more than the land was worth.

4th. In what way are the taxpayers to receive any benefit for all the money they are paying out? And how long will they have to keep on paying for nothing?

5th. Will it be necessary to bring suit to recover our lost rights or the rights some of the Commissioners sold us out on?

6th. If it cost us 12 cents on each \$100 for the year 1914 to maintain the commission expenses when we had no suits or trouble, how much will it be when we have lawyers' fees, court and witness expenses to pay fighting a rich corporation or city?

7th. What have the commissioners done so far for the small taxpayer or the small land owners with the money he has to pay?

8th. Is not the sole benefit of this district organization to benefit the large holders of creek and over-flow lands by filling up their gravel beds and adding soil to their marsh lands at the expense and taxation of the district?

I would like to have the answers to these questions published for the edification of the public.

A TAX PAYER.

What About the Sewer System?

Niles, Cal., April 7, -1915.

To the Editor:

Some weeks ago a mass meeting was called by the Sanitary Committee of Niles District to discuss the question of calling an election for sewer bonds. This meeting, as we all know, was very poorly attended, but those present were enthusiastic on the question. The matter was, I believe, left in the hands of a committee to get an opinion of the people.

The Sanitary Board, I believe, is composed of men who are earnestly and conscientiously endeavoring to serve the people, and it appears to me that the people are giving the Sanitary Board very poor recompense for the services they so generously donate. I am not one of the board, but I feel that the men who compose it would appreciate more co-operation or at least interest from the people.

A CLEAN CITIZEN.

Drys Will Appeal.

Superior Judge B. K. Knight of Santa Cruz county denied recently the petition of the anti-liquor advocates for a writ of mandamus to compel the city council to place on the ballot at the coming municipal election the proposed "dry" ordinance held invalid by City Attorney J. L. Johnson because it has attached alternative propositions.

The decision by Judge Knight is a new one, and lawyers consider it of importance to California. A minute order was made so that the "drys" will have an early opportunity to carry the question to the Appellate Court, which they have decided to do. The petition had 1150 signers.

Cottontail Season.

A closed season on cottontail rabbits for all months except November and December is fixed in a bill recommended by the Senate fish and game committee, but it permits any owner or person whom he designates to shoot cottontails which are destroying his crops out of season. No rabbits killed out of season may be sold.

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Same Old Champion.

Once more there is a new world champion, but he is still the same old champion, and his name is still John Barleycorn. The negro bruiser, who had battered down every opponent in the world, and spent the proceeds on wine and women, at last met a white bruiser still young enough to be sober and undegenerate, with the result that the old champion was still his old self for only fifteen rounds, while the new champion held to his new self for twenty-six rounds. Inferior at the game, inferior in skill, generalship and brains, and probably in direct muscular power, the new champion was superior in the stamina that comes from fresh air, plain living, sobriety and cleanliness. And so—until wine, women and adulation get the new champion, too—the world has a new chief bruiser, and the white race once more steps to the front rank of the only occupation in which most white men would gladly yield permanent primacy to the negro.

"It is a clean man's game," said Tom Sharkey. If it only were! Clean men, to be sure, are the ones who win at it. But they almost never remain clean. The sort of men who win, in the purely physical contests of the prize ring, seem to know nothing to do with their winnings but to buy good wine and bad women therewith. They find it a losing bargain.

There are many winners and many losers—but John Barleycorn is the vanquisher of them all—Chester H. Rowell, in Fresno Republican.

The inside inn—the hotel within the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, has announced that during the month of April half the regular rates will be charged to residents of Alameda county desiring to remain there.

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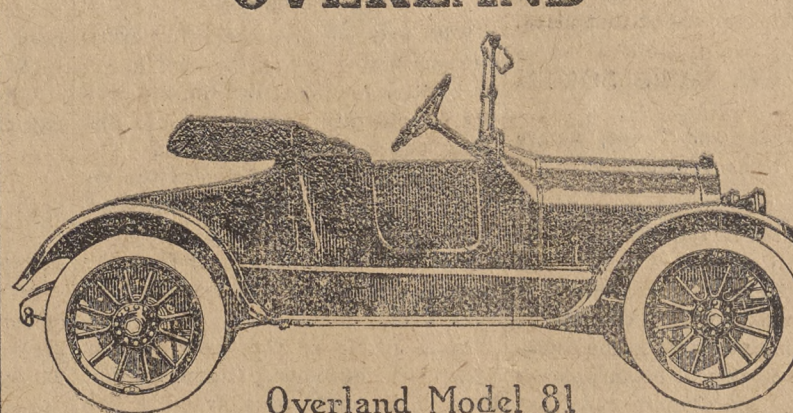
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TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NILES BREVITIES.

Miss Consuelo Howard of San Francisco has been spending the week in Niles as the guest of Mrs. M. B. Sneden. Mrs. Sneden entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening complimentary to her guest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cobb came up from San Francisco for the week end with Mrs. Mayhew.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bonner of San Francisco visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner.

Mrs. E. P. Hutchins of Berkeley is visiting friends in Niles this week. Mrs. Mayhew entertained half a dozen ladies at lunch Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Hutchins.

The Woman's club is holding its regular meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dassel. Trinity guild met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Martenstein in Niles. The day being stormy the attendance was smaller than usual. Nine ladies were present and passed a social afternoon at Mrs. Martenstein's attractive home. Contributions were solicited for the whist tournament in Guild Hall Friday evening of this week. A generous attendance is expected by the guild members. The daintiest refreshments were served by the hostess before adjournment.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Newcomb of East Oakland and Mrs. Satterlee of Hayward were Easter Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Oakes. Mr. Newcomb came recently from Ogden to act as the Pacific Coast traveling representative of the Edison Battery company, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Mrs. W. B. Kirk, Mrs. Philip Moore and Mrs. Clarence Martenstein of Niles were elected officers of the Country Club at the meeting in Centerville last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Kirk, deputy district worthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star visited the San Leandro lodge in an official capacity Thursday.

Rev. Charles L. Hyde, pastor of the Niles Congregational church and family are moving into the parsonage this week.

Miss Amalie Meyer has been under the care of a physician for some time. Her condition has caused her friends much anxiety.

Allie Bertolozzi of San Francisco spent Easter Sunday with his parents in Niles.

Joe Madeiros of Irvington was a visitor in Niles Sunday.

Ernest Salter, in charge of Rose Bros' garage at Pleasanton was a visitor in Niles this week.

Herbert Dominici and John J. Gage were visitors in Oakland Sunday.

Sullivan Says Road Is Good.

The Niles-Sunol road is now open and in first-class condition, according to report of Roadmaster T. J. Sullivan of Niles.

Congregational Church Notes.

The services for Sunday, April 20 at the Niles Congregational church will be as follows:

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Peaching service. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Hyde, on "Various Kinds of Moving."
7:45 p. m.—Popular service with address on "What the Church Can Do to Help Social Problems."

Returns From Week-End Vacation

Mrs. E. M. Nichols, librarian at the Niles branch of the county library returned to her home in Niles after a week-end visit with her husband in Salinas.

Mr. Nichols has recently taken charge of a lumber yard at that place.

CHAPLIN CO. GOES SOUTH

Famous Comedian and Twenty Actors Leave Niles Wednesday.

The Charles Chaplin company, which has been located at the Niles studio of the Essanay Company, left Wednesday for Los Angeles, where they will make their headquarters in the future. A studio has been secured in the southern city, and work will begin at once on new films. Mr. Chaplin finds that conditions in the south are more to his liking for the class of pictures he presents than they are in Niles.

Among those who left are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Van Pelt, Harry and Jack Pollard, Ed and William Armstrong, Miss Edna Purvise, M. A. Breslau, Tom Crizer, Dan Keller, Wm. Gordon, Bud Jamieson, Pat McGuire, Tom Wilson, Jess Robins, Harry Ensign, Lloyd Easterday, A. T. Griffin, W. M. Gorm, Mr. and Mrs. Leo White and children and Jess Robbins.

Mr. Robbins, it is understood, will be in charge of the southern studio.

IS A NIGHT COURT NEEDED?

Traffic Officer Makes Mistake and Justice is Accommodating.

Awakened about 10 o'clock Monday night by a telephone call, Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond of



JUSTICE RALPH V. RICHMOND. Who Got Out of Bed Monday Night to Accommodate a Speeder.

Niles was informed that Traffic Officer Sherman had arrested F. Lansing of San Francisco and summoned him to appear before Richmond to answer to the charge at 10:30 p. m. After a brief talk over the phone it was made clear that the officer must have meant 10:30 in the morning instead of at night, but the summons read at night.

Lansing explained to the judge over the phone that it would greatly inconvenience him to make another trip to Niles, so the accommodating justice who had already held two sessions of court that day, consented to hear the case at his home. So Lansing went to the judge's residence, where Richmond, clad in a bathrobe, accepted the man's plea of guilty and imposed a customary fine of \$25, after which he again sought his bed.

Sunday School Show at the Bell.

Wednesday afternoon and evening at the Bell Theater, moving pictures were shown of the complete process of making and testing of automobiles. The pictures were taken by the Essanay Company. The Maxwell Motor company loaned the films for the occasion. The show was given for the benefit of the Sunday school of the Niles Congregational church.

POLICE CHIEF INDICTED.

Sebastian Charged With Contributing

to Dependency.

Chief of Police Charles E. Sebastian and Mrs. Lillie Pratt of Los Angeles were indicted Monday on a charge of contributing to the dependency of Edith Serkin, 17, Mrs. Pratt's sister.

The indictments were returned late Monday by the county grand jury. Within an hour Mrs. Pratt had been arrested and released on \$2500 bonds.

Sebastian was not arrested that night. He announced that he would be ready to go into court at 9:30 and give bonds.

The charges against the chief of Police, it was rumored, include allegations of visits to a rooming house adjoining the central police station. It is alleged, according to the same rumor, that he met Mrs. Pratt there and that Mrs. Pratt was accompanied often by her young sister.

Both the chief and Mrs. Pratt issued indignant denials of the charge. Sebastian made a public statement setting forth his position and declaring that he would continue his campaign for mayor of Los Angeles.

Sebastian was relieved of his office as chief of police as soon as he was indicted by Mayor Rose, and Assistant Chief Paul Flammer automatically became acting chief.

MAY AFFECT COMPROMISE.

Beer and Light Wines Will Probably Be Permitted.

With extreme pressure being exerted from both sides on the question of prohibition for Great Britain, the cabinet is evidently undecided as to just what action should be taken. The ministry is wavering between the demand of David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, for absolute prohibition and the warning from the brewers and liquor interests to keep "hands off."

As a result of the cross currents which have developed, it appears that the cabinet might possibly put a ban upon distilled liquors but refrain from any interference with the traffic in beer and light wines. It was stated on Tuesday that Lloyd-George had received assurances that a majority of the labor leaders will support the government.

Andrew Kell Re-elected.

Andrew Kell, liveryman of Niles, was re-elected to fill the position of school trustee of the Niles Grammar school at the election held last Friday. Mr. Kell's opponent was W. B. Clarke.

CENTERVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. M. Mowry is spending a few days in San Francisco.

Mrs. C. Goodwin of Fruitvale spent Tuesday as the guest of Mrs. Antrim Bunting. In the afternoon Mrs. Goodwin sang for the Country Club. Misses K. and H. Hundley of Berkeley assisted in making a most delightful program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson of Oakland, came up for the christening on Easter Sunday. Miss Maud Garvey and Howard Bunting and wife were also present on that occasion.

The Easter services at St. James Episcopal church were well attended. The church was beautifully decorated with lilies, roses, lilac and vines. Appropriate music was rendered. At the 3:30 service the Sunday school was held. Four children were baptized. Songs and recitations were given by the children. The boys will repeat their song next Sunday.

Friday afternoon Miss Jeanette Peterson and Mrs. Bunting gave a birthday party for their children at the Bunting home.

On Wednesday, the 14th, the St. James guild will meet with Mrs. Nesmith. A quilt, which is to be sent to Alaska, will be tied.

The club house grounds are being put in order.

W. O. W. TO HAVE DANCE

Rose Drill to Be One of the Most Spectacular Events of Affair.

One of the social events of the season will be the social dance scheduled by Hazel Circle No. 598 W. O. W. of Niles for Saturday night, April 10 at Connors' Hall.

The members of the circle have been preparing for this event for some weeks and all is now in readiness.

One of the features of the dance will be a rose drill given by a select team under the captaincy of Mrs. Geneva Chase. The team consists of Miss Minnie Anderson, Mrs. Rose Drenan, Mrs. Julia Bliss, Miss Pearl Fulton, Mrs. Christina Moger, Mrs. Nina Walker, Mrs. Phoebe Fayle, Mrs. Jennie Ferry, Mrs. Carry Smith, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Nelvina Robinson and Mrs. Jensen. Mrs. Etta Melas will act as musician.

The proceeds of the dance will be used to swell the funds of the circle.

Graham To Enlarge Chicken Yard

W. C. Graham, Newark, already possessor of one of the finest poultry yards in the county, is making arrangements to further enlarge his yards in the near future.

NOTICE OF SALE OF BUSINESS

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that he intends to sell and will sell his entire business and stock in trade situated in the Connors' building in the Town of Niles, County of Alameda, State of California, and known as and called "DARROWS" Bakery to H. G. Stratton and R. M. Evans, and that chase price thereof paid at the Niles State Bank, in the Town of Niles on Tuesday the 20th day of April, 1915, and that the property and business to be sold is a general bakery, lunch and ice cream parlor, and cigar stand, and that said sale will be a private sale; and that the name of the vendor is G. O. Darrow, residence, Niles, California, and the residence of the vendees is: H. G. Stratton, Niles, California, and R. M. Evans, Niles, California, and any and all persons and hereby notified to present any claims which they have against the undersigned, G. O. Darrow, to him at said place of business, before said 20th day of April, 1915.

Witness my hand and seal this 8th day of April, 1915.

G. O. DARROW.

State of California ss.
County of Alameda

On this 8th day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen, before me, Edw. A. Ellsworth a Notary Public in and for the said County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared G. O. Darrow, known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

EDW. A. ELLSWORTH,
(SEAL) Notary Public,
In and for said county of Alameda, State of California.

DANCE A SUCCESS.

Accordeon Music a Treat—Dancers Well Satisfied with Affair.

The social dance given by Christ Florey of Niles at Connors' Hall Saturday night was a decided success. A good crowd was in attendance and the music was very satisfactory.

There was also a large attendance at a dance held by Mr. Florey Sunday afternoon. The crowd at that time was well pleased.

Mr. Florey has announced that he will give another dance on the night of April 24, and announces that those who attend the next dance may expect just as good a time as they did last Saturday night.

REBEKAHS HAVE MEETING

Miss Minnie Anderson Instructed Into the Mysteries of the Order.

At the meeting of Niles Rebekah Lodge No. 336 held Friday night last, Miss Minnie Anderson was initiated as a member. The team work was done in a manner that showed careful practice. Visitors were present from Oakland, Hayward, and Irvington lodges.

At the conclusion of the initiation ceremonies a banquet was held under the charge of a committee consisting of Mesdames Chandler, Roland and Crane.

WANTED "SQUARE DEAL."

But Narrowly Escapes Spending At Least One Night in Jail.

Considerable excitement was caused in the court of Justice of the Peace J. G. Mattos Monday afternoon, when the case of A. B. Hall, a real estate dealer of Richmond was called. Hall had been arrested and charged by Traffic Officer Solon with exceeding the speed limit.

"I want a jury trial," began Hall in pompous tones, as the mounted rostrum and stood by the side of the judge and facing the crowded courtroom, so that the spectators could get full benefit of his oratorical powers.

"All right," responded Justice Mattos and Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris in unison.

"And I want a change of venue!" again shouted Hall, conscious of the effect he was producing on the crowd.

"What for?" demanded Harris.

"I want a change to Oakland where I can get a square deal!" loudly proclaimed Hall.

This brought Harris to his feet with a jump.

"I want you to understand, Mr. Hall, that you will get a fair deal in any justice court in this county. And furthermore as representative of the district attorney's office here I resent any imputation that you cannot get a fair trial here. Your remarks and insinuations are insulting."

"What makes you think?" demanded Harris, "that you cannot get a trial that will give you justice here. Name me one person," he again demanded, "who hasn't got justice here—just one."

Hall murmured something about information he had received from casual acquaintances on the road, but refused to tell any names.

At this juncture in the proceedings Justice Mattos took a hand. "Motion for a change of venue denied," he said. "Trial set for April 19. The constable will draw a jury."

Thereupon Harris demanded that Hall be required to put up \$25 bail to insure his appearance at the date set for trial. In default of bail, Harris requested that he be remanded to the custody of the constable.

Hall did not have the \$25 with him, and for quite a while it looked as if he would be a boarder at the county's expense.

Before releasing him Mattos lectured him upon the manner in which he entered the courtroom.

"You seem to have thought that you were in a bar room instead of a court of justice," said Mattos. "In the future you want to behave yourself when you come here."

Hall was accompanied to the court room by his wife.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

LOST—Pearl and diamond brooch, engraved "G. M. G. to L. J. J., 11, 16, '98." Reward if returned to this office.

FOR SALE—One 2-year-old mule; 1 3-year-old mule. Both gentle. Inquire Frank Muniz, Decoto, Cal.

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WANTED—a change to make a living. I want work—like thunder—don't care what kind of work it is. O. B. Notify Press office.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for rent, rates reasonable. Mrs. Geneva Chase, Second and J. streets, Niles.

MATTOS' COURT AT NILES.

Centerville Court Room Burned Down Last Saturday Morning.

The court room of Justice of the Peace John G. Mattos at Centerville having been burned down in the fire Saturday morning last, the judge removed his court to Niles and occupied the building used by Ralph V. Richmond Justice at Niles.

Justice Mattos managed to save his court records from the burning building and the records were complete. Until further notice, it was stated that all cases coming before Mattos would be tried at Niles, he holding court on Monday afternoons at 2 o'clock.

When the case of J. J. Milburn was called, he failed to appear, and his bail of \$25 was forfeited in lieu of fine.

Charles Stine, when arrested by the officers, gave the wrong address and the officers were instructed to locate him and bring him to court.

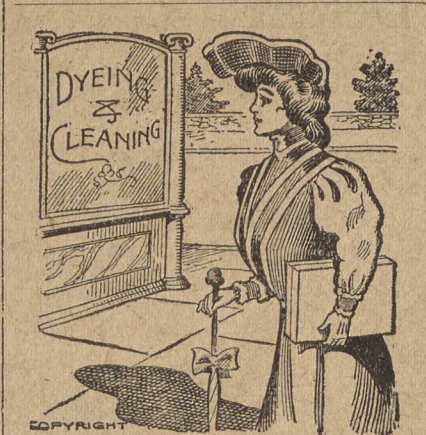
Dr. G. E. Kleiman, arrested by Officer Wright for speeding, told his story to the court, and the matter was taken under advisement.

Mrs. Carslick, appeared and was given the usual fine. She told a hard luck story and was given until April 19 to pay at least \$10.

M. Flick, who was arrested by Traffic Officer Sherman and charged with going 40 miles an hour, explained that he had his boy with him and the boy was ill. Flick showed that he was hurrying home. Judgment in this case was suspended.

All matters set for April 12 in the court of Justice Mattos were continued until April 19, the justice announced, as he would be in Santa Cruz on the 12th of the month.

According to a report of Justice Mattos, his court has collected fines amounting to \$1025 from speed violators during the month of March, 1915.



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